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THE OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL TESTING OF TV WHITE SPACE DEVICES

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On October 12, 2006, the Commission adopted a *First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making* (First R&O and Further NPRM) in ET Docket Nos. 04-186 and 02-380, 21 FCC Rcd 12266 (2006), on authorizing the operation of new low power devices in the TV broadcast spectrum at locations where individual channels/frequencies are not being used for authorized services (TV White Spaces). In that action, the Commission stated that its Laboratory would conduct a testing program, including field testing, to assess the potential for interference from low power devices operating in the TV bands.

The Commission is committed to working with all parties to continue the process of investigating the potential performance capabilities of TV white space devices in an open and transparent manner. To that end, the Laboratory will be conducting additional laboratory and field testing of prototype devices.

Further details about the testing will be released at a later date and made available on the Commission's Internet site (www.fcc.gov).

Parties that would like to submit devices for testing should advise OET as soon as possible and should deliver their device at their earliest opportunity. To arrange delivery of a device, please contact Patricia Goff at 301-362-3001 or patricia.goff@fcc.gov.

Parties interested in observing the testing should contact Patricia Goff at 301-362-3001 or patricia.goff@fcc.gov. Members of the press interested in covering the testing should contact the Office of Media Relations. OMR contact: Clyde Ensslin at 202-418-0506 or clyde.ensslin@fcc.gov.